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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION

Case No. C-1-02-479

JUDGE BARRETT

Magistrate Judge Hogan

JEFFERSON-PILOT LIFE INS. CO.,)

Plaintiff)

V.)

CHRISTOPHER L. KEARNEY,)

Defendant)

V.)

DISABILITY MANAGEMENT)

SERVICES, INC.,)

Third-Party Defendant)

CONTINUED DEPOSITION OF: ROBERT MILLS, taken before Sharon R. Roy, Notary Public, Registered Professional Reporter, pursuant to Rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, at the offices of ACCURATE COURT REPORTING, 1500 Main Street, Springfield, Massachusetts on May 3, 2007, commencing at 1:10 p.m.

Sharon R. Roy

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I APPEARANCES:	ı	
2		PROCEEDINGS
3 FOR CHRISTOPHER KEARNEY: 4	2	1:10 p.m.
GRAYDON, HEAD & RITCHEY LLP		
5 1900 Fifth Third Center	3	DODEDT MILLS Demonstr housing
511 Walnut Street 6 Cincinnati, OH 45202-3157	4 5	ROBERT MILLS, Deponent, having first been duly sworn by the Notary Public,
513-621-6464	6	deposes and states as follows:
7 BY: MICHAEL A. ROBERTS, ESQ.	7	deposes and states as follows:
mroberts@graydon.com	8	MR. MEAGHER: Counsel, before you
8 9 FOR DISABILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.	9	begin, and for the record, the Court has
10 SHUTTS & BOWEN LLP	10	directed us to submit a confidentiality order,
1500 Miami Center	11	and we sent you a draft, I don't know, ten
11 201 South Biscayne Boulevard Miami, FL 33131	12	days ago, two weeks ago, whatever. We haven't
12 305-358-6300	13	heard any response from you but we're going
BY: JOHN E. MEAGHER, ESQ.	14	ahead and filing a proposed confidentiality
13	15	order and we are going to conduct ourselves as
14 15 In Attendance:	16	if that order has been entered by the judge,
16 Christopher Kearney	17 18	so we are designating this deposition confidential, it certainly concerns
17 Adam Formus	19	Mr. Kearney's claim, and following the
18 19	20	procedures in the proposed order.
20	21	MR. ROBERTS: You're designating
21	22	this deposition confidential before the
22	23	witness has spoken a single word?
23 24	24	MR. MEAGHER: Yes.
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1 INDEX	1	MR. ROBERTS: Say whatever you want
2	2	on the record.
EXAMINATION PAGE	3	Are you ready, sir?
3	4	THE WITNESS: Yes.
5 By Mr. Meagher 77	5	
6	6	EXAMINATION BY MR. ROBERTS:
7 2	7	Q. What is your name, please, sir?
8 9 EXHIBITS: PAGE:	8	A. Robert Mills.
10 1: E-mail dated 9/19/00 to William Hughes	9	Q. What is your residence address?
from Robert Mills with attached letter	10	A. I'm not comfortable providing that
11 dated 1/18/07 to Christopher Kearney from	11	information.
William Hughes 44	12	Q. You don't like your private information
13 2: E-mail dated 11/1/00 to William Hughes from	13	being shared with other people?
Robert Mills with attached letter dated	14	A. I don't like to give my residence address.
14 1/18/07 to Christopher Kearney from	15	Q. Well, your counsel just said that he's
Robert F. Mills 55	16	going to treat this as confidential pursuant to some
15 16	17	purported order that may or may not ever be entered.
17	18	Why do you have discomfort with even giving out
18	19	private information subject to a confidentiality
19	20	order?
20	21	MR. MEAGHER: Well, you know, I'm
21 22	22	going to object and
23	23	MR. ROBERTS: Counsel, you object
24	24	for the record. Anything you say beyond that

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1 is coaching the witness.	1	A. Two.
2 MR. MEAGHER: That's not true,	2	Q. What's your wife's name?
because I am instructing him not to give his	3	A. Laura.
4 residence address due to the nature of the	4	Q. Does she work?
5 litigation. We will stipulate, if you wish,	5	A. Yes, she does.
6 that we'll accept service of subpoenas, where	6	Q. Where does she work?
7 appropriate, and we'll accept service for it.	7	A. MassMutual.
8 Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Can you explain for me why	8	Q. How did the two of you meet?
9 it is you would have discomfort sharing with me or	9	A. We met working together.
10 anybody private information?	10	Q. At MassMutual?
11 A. I just don't like to give my residence	11	A. No.
12 address.	12	Q. Where were you working?
Q. Why do you have discomfort with that?	13	A. Connecticut Mutual.
14 A. I just don't make it a practice to give my	14	Q. Sir, have you done anything to prepare for
15 residence address in a case like this.	15	today's deposition?
16 Q. You consider private information you want	16	A. Yes.
17 to keep private?	17	Q. Can you describe for me what you've done in
18 A. I would like to keep my residence address	18	preparation for today's deposition?
19 private.	19	A. I've reviewed documents and met with my
20 Q. Where did you go to college, sir?	20	attorneys.
21 A. I went to the University of New Haven.	21	Q. When did you meet with your attorneys?
22 Q. When did you graduate?	22	A. I met with my attorneys yesterday and
23 A. In 1991.	23	today.
24 Q. What's your Social Security number?	24	Q. Who are your attorneys?
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1 MR. MEAGHER: I instruct him not to	1	A. That would be John Meagher and Adam Formus.
2 give his Social Security number.	2	Q. Did anybody participate telephonically in
3 Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Again, you don't want	3	these meetings?
4 your private information shared with third parties?	4	A. Yes.
5 A. I do not want to give my Social Security	5	Q. Who participated telephonically?
6 number.	6	A. Bill Ellis and Bill Dempsey.
7 Q. Is there a reason why you're not answering	7	Q. Anyone else participate in your preparation
8 my question?	8	yesterday or today?
9 MR. MEAGHER: I'm going to object.	9	A. Yes.
He did answer your question.	10	Q. Who else?
Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Sir, do you mind sharing	11	A. Andy Cohen.
12 your private information with me?	12	Q. Anyone else?
13 A. I do not feel comfortable giving my	13	A. Not that I recall.
residence address and my Social Security number.	14	Q. So you had five lawyers assist you in
15 Q. Is that it? Is that the extent of it?	15	preparing for today's deposition?
16 A. That's my answer to those questions thus	16	A. There were five lawyers that were involved.
17 far.	17	Q. Did you review your deposition from May of
18 Q. Sir, do you suffer any medical conditions?	18	2004 in preparation for today?
19 A. Not to my knowledge.	19	A. Yes.
20 Q. Do you have any children?	20	Q. Did you read it cover to cover?
21 A. Yes.	21	A. Yes.
22 Q. Are you married?	22	Q. Is there anything that you can recall
23 A. Yes.	23	sitting here today that was not truthful that you
24 Q. How many children do you have?	24	testified to back then?

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1	A. No.	1	attention?
2	Q. In preparation for today's deposition have	2	A. Yes.
3	you reviewed the claims file cover to cover?	3	Q. Were those documents correspondence?
4	A. I've perused through the file.	4	MR. MEAGHER: Well, I'm going to
5	Q. Have you spent any time reading the	5	instruct him not to answer any question
6	entirety of any specific documents?	6	pertaining to any documents shown to him by
7	A. I've read various documents throughout the	7	counsel. That's work product.
8	file.	8	MR. ROBERTS: You're not going to
9	Q. What documents did you focus on?	9	allow him to answer whether the documents he
10	A. I don't recall focusing on anything, I just	10	reviewed were in the category of
11	went through the file.	11	correspondence?
12	Q. Did you stop and spend time reading a	12	MR. MEAGHER: I'll let him answer
13	document if it was of interest?	13	that.
14	A. Yes.	14	MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, Counsel.
15	Q. What documents did you stop and read that	15	MR. MEAGHER: You're welcome.
16	you believed were of interest?	16	A. Can you repeat the question, please?
17	A. I recall looking at letters throughout the	17	Q. Did you review correspondence in this
18	file.	18	meeting with your team of five lawyers?
19	Q. Okay. Besides correspondence, anything	19	A. Yes.
20	else?	20	Q. Did you review any documents that were
21	A. I just recall looking at various parts of	21	filed in the lawsuit with your team of five lawyers?
22	the files and going through it.	22	A. Can you repeat the question, please?
23	Q. What besides correspondence?	23	Q. Did you review any documents filed in the
24	A. I don't recall.	24	lawsuit, as far as you know, with your team of five
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1	Q. When did you do this?	1	lawyers?
2	A. A couple days ago.	2	A. As far as I know, I don't think so.
3	Q. And you don't recall today?	3	Q. Anything other than correspondence?
4	A. I just don't have, you know, a recollection	4	A. Not that I recall.
5	of spending a significant amount of time on something	5	Q. So any documents you reviewed with your
6	else.	6 7	five-lawyer team in preparation for the deposition were correspondence documents, right?
7 8	Q. How about medical records; did you review medical records in detail?	8	A. Correct.
9	A. I thumbed through various medical	9	Q. Correspondence you had with Mr. Kearney and
10	information.	10	he had with you?
11	Q. Anything grab your interest that you spent	11	A. No. Excuse me, part of it was, yes.
12	significant time on?	12	Q. What else was in the correspondence besides
13	A. No.	13	documents exchanged between you and Mr. Kearney?
14	Q. How about surveillance, did you spend any	14	MR. MEAGHER: Well, I'm going to
15	time reviewing surveillance in the investigations	15	object and instruct you not to answer if by
16	that were performed on Mr. Kearney?	16	answering you identify what documents you
17	A. No.	17	reviewed that were discussed with counsel.
18	Q. Did you review any of the pleadings in the	18	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Who else did you correspond
19	lawsuit?	19	with that was reviewed between you and counsel?
20	A. I don't believe so.	20	A. On the advice of my counsel I'm not going
21	Q. Did you review documents in your meetings	21	to answer that question.
22	with your team of five lawyers?	22	MR. ROBERTS: You're instructing him
23	A. Yes.	23	not to tell me with whom he had correspondence
24	Q. Documents that they brought to your	24	that was reviewed

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1	MR. MEAGHER: Well, I'm saying	1	A. Yes.
2	that	2	Q. Is that correspondence in the claim file?
3	MR. ROBERTS: That would be	3	A. Not to my knowledge.
4	revealing an attorney-client communication of	4	Q. Who was the correspondence with?
5	your definition of attorney-client	5	A. It was with our outside counselor, Geri
6	communication?	6	Johnson, and Bill Dempsey.
7	MR. MEAGHER: No, it's a definition	7	Q. You had exchanged letters with Ms. Johnson
8	of work product, which, if he identifies the	8	and Mr. Dempsey?
9	specific documents that we may have	9	A. Yes.
10	MR. ROBERTS: I'm not	10	Q. And you exchanged e-mails with them?
11	MR. MEAGHER: Excuse me, let me	11	A. Yes.
12	finish	12	Q. What period of time was covered by this
13	MR. ROBERTS: I'm simply asking him	13	correspondence and e-mail?
14	to identify with whom he had correspondence.	14	A. I don't recall the specific time, you know,
15	MR. MEAGHER: Mr. Roberts, please.	15	when that occurred.
16	MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Meagher, please.	16	Q. Do you recall the beginning date?
17	MR. MEAGHER: I'm answering your	17	A. No, I do not.
18	question. If he is identifying specific	18	Q. Do you recall the beginning year?
19	documents, that's a work product objection.	19	A. No.
20	MR. ROBERTS: I haven't asked him to	20	Q. It was yesterday, sir. You don't recall
21	identify a specific document.	21	what you reviewed yesterday?
22	MR. MEAGHER: But if he identifies	22	MR. MEAGHER: Objection; asked and
23	the nature of the document	23	answered.
24	MR. ROBERTS: I'm not asking him to	24	MR. ROBERTS: No, it was asked; he
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1	identify the nature of the document.	1	didn't answer.
2	MR. MEAGHER: You're interrupting me	2	MR. MEAGHER: He said he didn't
3	again. And that somehow shows the identity of	3	recall; that's an answer.
4	the document, then that is work product.	4	A. Can you repeat your question, please?
5	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) What other correspondence	5	Q. You don't recall from your two-day review
6	did you review with your team of five lawyers; with	6	with your five-lawyer team what year it was that you
7	whom did that correspondence relate other than	7	had this correspondence with Dempsey and Johnson?
8	Mr. Kearney?	8	A. I had a correspondence or communication
9	A. Can you repeat the question, please?	9 10	with what's your definition of correspondence, I guess I'd need to
10	Q. You reviewed correspondence you had with	8	8
11 12	Mr. Kearney and you during your two-day meeting with your five-lawyer team?	11 12	Q. You've been answering questions now for 14 minutes about correspondence and now you're asking me
13	MR. MEAGHER: Objection. Assumes	13	to define the word correspondence?
14	facts not in evidence.	14	A. So I can understand your question.
15	MR. ROBERTS: All these facts are in	15	Q. Did you not understand my other question?
16	evidence.	16	A. I understood it.
17	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Go ahead.	17	Q. Okay. Correspondence is written letters
18	A. Yes.	18	and/or e-mails. Can we go with that as a definition?
19	Q. Did you review correspondence between you	19	Let's include faxes, too, okay. Are you with me?
20	and anybody else other than Mr. Kearney during these	20	A. Yes.
21	meetings?	21	Q. Yesterday and the day before you had a
22	A. Yes, I did.	22	two-day meeting with a five-lawyer team where you
23	Q. It was correspondence you had with somebody	23	reviewed correspondence you had with Ms. Johnson and

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Page 20 Page 18 1 Mr. Mills, based on your review yesterday and the day 1 documents, and you believe that to be an 2 before of this correspondence that isn't in the claim 2 invasion of the attorney-client privilege? 3 3 file what year that correspondence took place? MR. MEAGHER: Yes, I do. MR. MEAGHER: Objection; asked and 4 4 MR. ROBERTS: Is there a different 5 5 answered. Also assumes facts not in evidence attorney-client privilege in the state of 6 Florida than in Ohio, do you know? 6 you can answer. 7 7 MR. MEAGHER: I don't think Florida A. Can you repeat that question? 8 MR. ROBERTS: Can you kindly for me, 8 is relevant. 9 9 Sharon? MR. ROBERTS: We agree. 10 THE COURT REPORTER: "Question: 10 MR. MEAGHER: So my instruction Yesterday and the day before you had a two-day 11 11 stands. 12 meeting with a five-lawyer team where you 12 MR. ROBERTS: Thank you for the reviewed correspondence you had with Ms. 13 13 order. Johnson and Mr. Dempsey. My question is do 14 14 Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Sir, have you given any 15 you recall, Mr. Mills, based on your review 15 depositions in the last three years since you and I 16 yesterday and the day before of this 16 last met? 17 correspondence that isn't in the claim file 17 A. Yes. what year that correspondence took place?" 18 18 O. In what cases? 19 A. I don't recall, you know, when that 19 A. The last name was Dolinsky. 20 Q. Can you spell that, please? 20 correspondence -- what the year was, when it took A. D-O-L-I-N-S-K-Y. 21 21 place. 22 Q. Did you see these documents yesterday and 22 Q. Any other cases? 23 23 the day before when you were meeting with your five A. No. 24 lawyers? 24 Were you deposed in Brillman? Page 19 Page 21 A. No, I was not. A. I looked over them, glanced at them 1 Q. When was your Dolinsky deposition? 2 2 briefly. 3 A. I believe it was in the last year or so. 3 Q. So you saw the paper, but your testimony 4 Q. Where was that deposition taken? under oath -- I saw you raise your hand earlier -- is 4 5 5 that you can't recall under oath what year that A. Here in Springfield, Massachusetts. 6 Q. Is that lawsuit still pending? 6 correspondence took place? 7 7 MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form. A. No. Q. It's resolved? 8 Move to strike. 8 9 9 A. Correct. A. Correct. 10 Q. When did you read your deposition cover to 10 Q. Do you know where it was pending? 11 A. The state of Florida. 11 cover most recently? 12 Q. Was Mr. Meagher your counsel in that A. I read that Monday. 12 action? 13 Q. Were you sent a package of documents to 13 14 14 review by counsel? 15 Q. Mr. Meagher served as your counsel in 15 A. No. 16 Q. Were you instructed to review anything 16 multiple cases, right? specifically by counsel? 17 A. Yes. 17 18 O. As has Mr. Ellis? MR. MEAGHER: I'm going to direct 18 19 A. I've only dealt with him on this matter. you not to answer any questions about any 19 20 Q. I've not had produced to me anything that 20 instructions from counsel. 21 is a claims file for the period 2002 through 2007. 21 MR. ROBERTS: Once again, I'm not 22 Does Mr. Kearney have some kind of claims file at DMS asking him what documents you asked him to 22 23 for that period? 23 review. I'm asking him was he instructed to 24 A. Can you repeat the question, please? review correspondence, and you believe -- or

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1	Q. Is there a claims file on Mr. Kearney that	1	MR. MEAGHER: I have. Because I
2	covers the period 2002 through 2007?	2	control my witness.
3	A. Yes.	3	MR. ROBERTS: You control your
4	Q. Would it be troubling for me to get that in	4	witness. Do you control things other than
5	this lawsuit; do you think it could be produced?	5	your witness?
6	MR. MEAGHER: Well, I'm going to	6	MR. MEAGHER: That's a question I
7	object and instruct you not to answer. If you	7	ask myself many times.
8	have discovery requests, those go through	8	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Sir, is the claim file
9	discovery rules, not by asking a witness to	9	that exists for 2002 to 2007 that hasn't been
10	produce them.	10	produced, is it something that can be copied?
11	MR. ROBERTS: Well, there are	11	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.
12	discovery requests for the claims file. I	12	A. Yes.
13	can't believe you would contend there are not.	13	MR. MEAGHER: Assumes facts not in
14	And at least by the rules I'm not familiar	14	evidence.
15	with, those requests require that they be	15	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) How long do you think it
16	supplemented by the responding party every 30	16	would take to copy it?
17	days. As it is, I've requested the claim file	17	A. I don't know, I've never thought about
18	and it's been produced. I suppose you don't	18	that.
19	object to it being produced even though you	19	Q. Would it be able to be copied before I
20	didn't get involved in the case when it was	20	leave Springfield tomorrow afternoon?
21	produced; you came in after the fact. But are	21	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.
22	you saying, Counsel, that if I requested the	22	A. I have no idea. I mean, I never get in the
23	claims file and the rule is that document	23	business of making photocopies.
24	requests be supplemented every 30 days, that	24	Q. Do you know of any reason why it hasn't
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1	notwithstanding that, I'm not entitled to the	1	been produced to me to date?
2	claims file for the last five years?	2	MR. MEAGHER: I'm going to object;
3	MR. MEAGHER: No, I'm not saying	3	assumes facts not in evidence.
4	that. I'm not either agreeing or disagreeing	4	A. Not to my knowledge.
5	with that. What I'm saying is you don't get	5	Q. Nobody's told you to not produce it,
6	documents by putting a witness at a deposition	6	correct?
7	and asking him whether it would be a lot of	7	A. No.
8	trouble to produce them. There's no federal	8	Q. And you've not told anybody you refused to
9	rule that provides that.	9	produce it, right?
10	MR. ROBERTS: I didn't do that. All	10	A. I've never been asked those questions.
11	I did was say, "Hey, Witness, am I able to get copies of those, are they copyable?"	11	This is the first time I've heard of this.
12		12 13	Q. Doesn't surprise me.
13 14	MR. MEAGHER: That's not what your	13	MR. MEAGHER: Move to strike.
15	question asked. But as many times, you change your question the second time you say it. If	15	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Now you've been responsible for Mr. Kearney's claim for over seven
16	you want to ask him if there's hard copies,	16	vears?
17	you can ask him that.	17	A. I've been involved in the case for over
18	MR. ROBERTS: As many times? What	18	seven years.
19	are you referring to?	19	Q. Were you ever responsible for it?
20	MR. MEAGHER: I'm done bantering	20	A. What do you mean by responsible?
21	with you. You're using your time. You have	21	Q. I think you earlier said that you read your
22	an hour left. I've decided to give you some	22	deposition, you testified truthfully, and I think in
23	more time because time has passed	23	your deposition three years ago you said you took

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1	of 2000, you maintained responsibility of it through	1	A. I would say I was responsible from what
2	the date the lawsuit was filed.	2	we're talking about, from the time in 2000 probably
3	A. Okay. Well, if that's what I said in my	3	up to the time of the lawsuit.
4	deposition previous, that's correct, I just don't	4	Q. Okay. Who's been responsible for the
5	remember	5	claim there's been a pending claim since the
6	Q. Forget about your deposition. Is it true	6	lawsuit was filed, hasn't there?
7	that you were responsible for the Kearney claim	7	A. I don't know all the dynamics of how that
8	January 1, 2000 through at least 2002?	8	works with this lawsuit.
9	A. I was involved, responsible to some degree.	9	Q. Well, hasn't Mr. Kearney been required by
10	Q. Well, were you just involved or were you	10	you to keep sending in Continuation of Disability
11	responsible?	11	forms and Attending Physician Statements since 2002?
12	A. Both. I don't know how to answer that	12	A. The file does show that he's been sending
13	question.	13	in claim forms.
14	Q. You don't know what I mean by "Were you	14	Q. You, Robert Mills, have been requiring
15	responsible for that claim file?"	15	Mr. Kearney to continue to send in those forms in
16	MR. MEAGHER: Objection; asked and	16	2003, in 2004, in 2005, in 2006, and now in 2007,
17	answered. You can answer again.	17	right?
18	A. Correct. I said I don't understand your	18	A. I've been involved in the case; I haven't
19	question. I was involved in the case, responsible	19	been the one that necessarily sent the checks with
20	for the case.	20	the claim forms.
21	Q. You told me in your deposition three years	21	Q. That wasn't my question. Mr. Mills, have
22	ago that you took over you and three other people	22	you written my client in the last five years multiple
23	took over the JP block of claims that came over in	23	times demanding that he provide Robert Mills with
24	January 2000. Moreover, you told me that you were	24	information regarding his continuance of disability?
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1	responsible for between 40 and 60 of those files. Do	1	A. I remember writing him letters requesting
1 2	responsible for between 40 and 60 of those files. Do you not recall that?	2	information, which claim forms could have been
		•	information, which claim forms could have been requested. I don't know specifically now as I'm
2	you not recall that?	2 3 4	information, which claim forms could have been requested. I don't know specifically now as I'm talking about it what was requested in those letters.
2 3	you not recall that? MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form. You can answer. A. It's been a long enough time, I don't	2 3 4 5	information, which claim forms could have been requested. I don't know specifically now as I'm talking about it what was requested in those letters. Q. I didn't ask you what was requested in
2 3 4 5 6	you not recall that? MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form. You can answer. A. It's been a long enough time, I don't remember, you know, the year 2000 and what I was	2 3 4 5 6	information, which claim forms could have been requested. I don't know specifically now as I'm talking about it what was requested in those letters. Q. I didn't ask you what was requested in those letters. I said have you been writing him,
2 3 4 5 6 7	you not recall that? MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form. You can answer. A. It's been a long enough time, I don't remember, you know, the year 2000 and what I was doing at that point in time.	2 3 4 5 6 7	information, which claim forms could have been requested. I don't know specifically now as I'm talking about it what was requested in those letters. Q. I didn't ask you what was requested in those letters. I said have you been writing him, asking him to give the company information on which
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	you not recall that? MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form. You can answer. A. It's been a long enough time, I don't remember, you know, the year 2000 and what I was doing at that point in time. Q. That's not my question. My question was	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	information, which claim forms could have been requested. I don't know specifically now as I'm talking about it what was requested in those letters. Q. I didn't ask you what was requested in those letters. I said have you been writing him, asking him to give the company information on which the company used to continue the payment of benefits?
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Page 30 Page 32 A. I believe he has given us information. 1 A. My understanding is that she processes the 2 2 Q. And when he provides you information, do payment and sends out the forms to Mr. Kearney. 3 you review it or does somebody else review it? 3 Q. Under her signature? A. I review it and I send it to someone else. 4 4 A. I don't know how that works. 5 Q. And if it's deficient you send him a notice 5 Q. Okay. Other than you and her, who's been 6 saying, "Hey, you're missing something. Give me 6 involved in Mr. Kearney's claim since 2002? 7 this," right? 7 A. The lawyers. 8 A. Not necessarily. 8 Q. Who else? 9 9 Q. If it's deficient you just let it go? A. I don't know. A. I may follow up with something or request 10 10 Q. You've had lawyers involved in Mr. that we need to send something out. 11 11 Kearney's continuing claim for disability? 12 Q. Anybody other than you been writing 12 A. Yes. 13 Mr. Kearney since 2002 seeking information from him? 13 Q. What lawyers have been involved in 14 A. Yes. 14 Mr. Kearney's continuing claim for disability? 15 Q. Who else? 15 A. Adam Formus. Bill Ellis. John. 16 A. Jackie Albazac (phonetic); I can't 16 Q. Do you know why the lawyers have been 17 pronounce it. 17 involved in Mr. Kearney's continuing claim for 18 Q. And she started doing that maybe two, three 18 disability? 19 months ago? 19 A. I understand this is a case that continues 20 A. I know she sent letters. I don't know when 20 to be in litigation. 21 that began. 21 Q. It's your judgment that Mr. Kearney's 22 22 Q. Does she report to you? disability since 2002 has been subject to some claim 23 23 A. No, she doesn't. in a lawsuit? 24 Q. Did she send the letters at your 24 A. I don't know all the meaning, what the Page 31 Page 33 instruction? 1 1 lawsuit is about, because it's in litigation. You 2 2 A. Can you repeat -know, the lawyers are involved in that. I seek 3 Q. Did she send letters to Mr. Kearney at your 3 guidance from them. 4 instruction? 4 Q. You don't know whether the company has ever 5 5 A. Not that I recall. sued Mr. Kearney claiming that he's no longer 6 Q. Have you spoken to her about the Kearney 6 disabled according to the policy; you don't know that 7 claim? 7 one way or the other? 8 A. Yes, I have. 8 A. I don't know that specifically, no. 9 Q. What did you tell her? 9 Q. Have you been getting information about Mr. 10 A. I would talk to her to let her know when I 10 Kearney through the lawyers? 11 got a progress report or a Continuance of Disability 11 A. Yes. 12 form and send that along to her. 12 Q. About his continuing disability information 13 O. You don't know when her involvement in the 13 they get in a lawsuit, they share with you for you to 14 claim began? I'm not asking you for a specific day, 14 evaluate for the claim? 15 Mr. Mills. Give me a year. Let's start with a year. 15 A. I've gotten information from them. 16 Do you know what year her involvement began? 16 Q. Right. But my question was, are they 17 A. I believe it's been a couple years. 17 sending you information that comes to them through 18 Q. She's been involved in sending letters to 18 the lawsuit for purposes of you evaluating for the 19 Mr. Kearney for a couple years is your testimony 19 20 under oath? 20 A. I don't know if the information they 21 A. My testimony is that she's been involved. 21 provide is necessarily information that would be used 22 I don't know if it's necessarily sending letters. 22 for the evaluation of the case. 23 Q. What has been her involvement for a couple 23 Q. Why would they give it to you, then? 24 years? 24 A. I don't know.

Page 36 Page 34 five lawyers, or Jeff McSherry and Amy Callow -- make Q. I mean, if they're requesting information 1 from Mr. Kearney for purposes of the lawsuit, why do it seven; have you told any of them or anybody that 2 2 3 based on your seven-year history with the case that 3 they need your analysis and involvement? 4 you think that Mr. Kearney is not disabled? A. I think maybe there's a difference in what 4 5 A. No. 5 information is; they're maybe giving me information, 6 6 updates of what's going on in the lawsuit. Q. That's never happened? 7 7 Q. Well, I don't care to know what they tell 8 8 you about the ongoings in the lawsuit. Are they Q. In fact, Mr. Kearney has been getting paid, 9 and we can dispute timing of payment and amounts of 9 giving you information pertinent to Mr. Kearney? 10 payments, but he's been getting paid monthly benefits A. I don't know how to answer that question. 10 for the entire seven-plus year period that you've Can you rephrase that? 11 11 Q. They're sending you information that they been involved in the claim, correct? Seven-year 12 12 13 period ---13 glean from the lawsuit, correct? 14 A. Yes. 14 A. I don't think they send information to me, I don't -- it's providing me with updates, 15 Q. Did I say seven-year? 15 16 A. I thought you said seven-year. information about the lawsuit. 16 Q. Okay. For the entire seven years that you 17 Q. Okay. For the past five years you've been 17 have either had responsibility for or involvement in getting information from the trial lawyers about 18 18 the claim, Mr. Kearney has received -- putting aside 19 19 Mr. Kearney, right? 20 timeliness and amount for the moment -- monthly 20 A. They've provided information about him. 21 benefits under the policy, right? Q. Is any of that information of a medical 21 22 A. Yes. 22 nature? 23 A. I don't recall. 23 Q. The company has never come to the 24 conclusion that he's not disabled, correct? Q. What is the information pertaining to? 24 Page 37 Page 35 A. No, but the company hasn't been provided A. To the best of my recollection, it's been 1 2 with all the necessary information to be able to make about the litigation proceedings. 2 3 that determination. Q. But your testimony under oath is you don't 3 even know what the claim is in the litigation; you 4 Q. What haven't they been provided? 4 5 A. All the information that's been documented 5 don't know if the company has challenged Mr. Kearney as being disabled or not disabled, right? 6 through that file. 6 7 Q. What hasn't been provided? Tell me right 7 A. Can you repeat the question, please? 8 8 Q. You don't know whether or not there's a now. 9 A. My understanding is information about 9 claim anywhere in any court where the company, DMS or 10 finances --10 JP, have contended that Mr. Kearney is not disabled, 11 Q. You've not gotten any financial information 11 right? from Mr. Kearney. What else? 12 12 A. Not to my knowledge. I don't think that's MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form. 13 what it's about. 13 14 Q. Well, you just told me earlier that you 14 Move to strike. don't know one way or the other what it's about so, I 15 A. We've received some financial; I don't 15 guess, clarify for me. Do you have an understanding 16 think we've gotten all the financial. 16 There's been conversations concerning 17 of whether or not the company has ever filed a 17 business acquaintances in the past. lawsuit or made a claim that Mr. Kearney is not 18 18 19 Q. Fourteen years ago, right? 19 disabled under the policy? A. I don't remember the time frames of all 20 20 A. I don't believe that there is a claim for 21 this stuff that you asked me today. 21 that. 22 Q. Correct, there isn't. 22 Q. What else? 23 23 A. Those are what come to memory right now. 24 Q. Have you ever told anybody, the team of Q. Take your time. 24

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1	A. I can't think of anything else at this	1	months.
2	point.	2	A. I don't even know if I even looked at that
3	Q. So and you know from your seven-year	3	last part of the file because I haven't been really
4	involvement or participation that Mr. Kearney's claim	4	that involved in it.
5	actually was filed back in '93 with Jefferson-Pilot,	5	Q. Who's more involved than you?
6	right?	6	A. Jackie at this point.
7	A. Yes, I do.	7	Q. How long has that been the case?
8	Q. So, he's been receiving benefits for 14	8	A. She's been involved for a couple years.
9	years, right?	9	Q. That wasn't my question. How long has she
10	A. Yes.	10	been more involved than you?
11	Q. And neither you nor anybody you know has	11	A. Probably more so over the last couple
12	ever come to the conclusion that he's not disabled	12	months.
13	under the policy, right?	13	Q. Did you review anything on a computer when
14	MR. MEAGHER: Objection; asked and	14	you were speaking with your team of five or seven
15	answered. You can answer again.	15	lawyers?
16	A. Correct. But as I stated earlier, we also	16	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.
17	haven't received	17	A. No.
18	Q. You're missing all the financial	18	Q. You didn't review any videos or anything
19	information.	19	else on a computer?
20	A all the information to appropriately to	20	A. Well, I think I've looked at documents that
21	review the case.	21	were on our attorneys' laptops.
22	Q. You've been unable to appropriately review	22	Q. I don't mean electronic files of the
23	the case for the last 14 years, or for you, seven	23	correspondence.
24	years, right?	24	A. Can you repeat the question?
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1	A. To be able to get the information to do so.	1	Q. Anything other than an electronic copy of a
2	Q. Right. You still need more information,	2	letter. Have you reviewed anything on a computer
3	right?	3	other than an electronic copy of a letter?
4	A. Correct.	4	A. No.
5	Q. You want more information from Mr. Kearney	5	Q. When was the last time you spoke to anyone
6	about what was going on in the '90s, right?	6	at Jefferson-Pilot about Mr. Kearney?
7	A. I don't remember what the full scope of the	7	A. Several years ago.
8	information that we have, but we still need	8	Q. Do you know if you've had any communication
9	information.	9	with Jefferson-Pilot about Mr. Kearney since 2002?
10	Q. Well, isn't the claim isn't it evaluated	10	A. I don't recall, but I can look at the file
11	month to month? Isn't that the way you guys look at	11	and
12	it?	12	Q. Well, hopefully it will be produced to me
13	A. Yes.	13	some day, and if there has been communications it
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	14	would be in the claim file?
14	Q. So let's just take the year 2007. Are you	1.7	
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1	Q. Right, That's my point. You can have	1	remember the document itself.
2	communications with Jefferson-Pilot about Mr. Kearney	2	Q. Did you review everything in the responses
3	but that doesn't mean that the communication ends up	3	and the requests and the documents available at JP,
4	in the claim file, correct?	4	the documents available at DMS, to assure yourself
5	A. Correct.	5	that the statement you were signing was indeed the
6	Q. At this time do you have any involvement in	6	truth?
7	any other Jefferson-Pilot claims?	7	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.
8	A. No.	8	A. I would have reviewed the document and what
9	Q. I think you told me that beginning in 2001	9	it said before I signed something.
10	you became Director of Claims on the equitable block?	10	Q. When you read your deposition the other
11	A. Correct.	11	day, did you see in there or do you recall seeing in
12	Q. Is that still the case?	12	there where you told me that the surveillance that
13	A. Yes.	13	you ordered, the multiple surveillance you ordered in
14	Q. Have you received any promotions since the	14	2000, actually affirmed for you that what Mr. Kearney
15	beginning of 2001?	15	was saying was consistent with what the surveillance
16	A. No.	16	showed?
17	Q. You have an MBA, sir, right?	17	A. Yes, I do remember that.
18	A. Yes.	18	Q. I want to take you back to September 19,
19	Q. Master's of Business Administration?	19	2000.
20	A. Yes.	20	(Exhibit 1, marked)
21	Q. I think you also told me in your prior	21	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Sir, I hand you Exhibit
22	deposition that when you became Director of Claims on	22	1, a document from back in 2000 that was just
23	the equitable block in early 2001 there was four or	23	recently provided to me two months ago. I don't know
24	five Jefferson-Pilot claims that you retained	24	what the explanation is for the four-year lapse.
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1	responsibility for. Do you recall that?	1	MR. MEAGHER: Do you have a copy for
2	A. I don't recall the cases but I remember	2	me, Counsel?
3	seeing that when I read over the deposition.	3	MR. ROBERTS: I'm handing you yours,
4	Q. Right. And all those claims other than	4	sir.
5	Mr. Kearney's have now resolved in one fashion or	5	MR. MEAGHER: It sounded like you
6	another?	6	were trying to ask a question.
7	A. I don't know if they've resolved or they're	7	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Mr. Kearney had filed
8	continuing to be paid. I don't know the status of	8	this lawsuit this lawsuit was filed against
9	them.	9	Mr. Kearney in June of 2002, and in 2003 there was a
10	Q. When was the last time you had	10	request that some documents be produced. For some
11	responsibility for any of those other four or five	11	reason this document wasn't produced, notwithstanding
12	claims?	12	the request four years ago, until last month or the
13	A. Several, several years ago. I don't recall	13	month before. Why don't you take a look at this
14		1 1 4	document. It's Bates numbered DMSESUPP 0068 through
	the specific time.	14	400441101111 100 24100 1141110 1141 1141
15	the specific time. Q. Who is this new person, the supervisor, the	15	0071, and in fact 0071 is simply a blank page. But
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16 17 18 19 20 21	Q. Who is this new person, the supervisor, the new person you mentioned who has more responsibility than you do now for Mr. Kearney's claim? A. That would be Todd Ditmar. Q. In this litigation you were asked by your lawyers to sign a sworn statement that all the interrogatory responses, responses to admission	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	0071, and in fact 0071 is simply a blank page. But this is dated September 19, 2000, do you see that? MR. MEAGHER: I'm going to move to strike Counsel's comments. You can answer the question. A. Can you repeat the question, please? Q. Do you see that this is an e-mail from you,

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1	Q. Is 0068 an accurate copy of an e-mail from	1	A. That's my understanding.
2	you to Mr. Hughes?	2	Q. And Mr. Hughes is considered by the company
3	A. I would say so. It's got my name on it and	3.	to be the claims god; he is the brightest of the
4	it's to his attention.	4	brightest as far as disability claims go, right?
5	Q. Well, you verified the truth of the	5	A. Well, he's a knowledgeable guy in the
6	discovery responses, and this is a DMS document	6	business.
7	produced in discovery.	7	Q. You ghostwrote this letter.
8	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.	8	A. Excuse me?
9	Assumes facts not in evidence.	9	Q. You ghost wrote this letter for Mr. Hughes?
10	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Are you comfortable that	10	A. Yes, I did.
11	this is an e-mail that you sent to Mr. Hughes on	11	Q. And how do you refer to Mr. Hughes at the
12	September 19th of 2000, right?	12	bottom of 0070?
13	A. Yes.	13	A. I refer to him as "claims God."
14	Q. Which would have been after the	14	Q. Okay. Is Mr. Hughes responsible for any
15	surveillance that you commented on in your earlier	15	specific block of business at DMS?
16	deposition that actually affirmed what Mr. Kearney	16	A. Yes.
17	was telling you, right?	17	Q. Which blocks, or block?
18	A. I don't recall the time frame in which the	18	A. I believe it's strictly the equitable,
19	surveillance was.	19 20	equitable life.
20 21	Q. The surveillance occurred when it occurred, and that's in the record.	20	Q. But you pulled him into the JP block with this claim?
22		22	
23	A. Okay.Q. But you recall that testimony, that the	23	A. I believe when this my involvement started and then I was promoted to director, I
24	surveillance affirmed what Mr. Kearney was telling	24	reported to him, and as I kept this case I continued
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2	you, right? A. Yes.	2	to report to him on it. Q. You told me in your deposition that you
$\frac{2}{3}$	Q. This was a letter that you initially	3	were made the equitable director of claims in January
4	drafted for Mr. Hughes to sign, right?	4	of 2001. This is September of 2000.
5	A. Yes.	5	A. Correct.
6	Q. Does Mr. Hughes get involved in all the	6	Q. So you brought Hughes into the evaluation
7	claims that you're involved in?	7	of this claim before you became director of equitable
8	A. No.	8	block?
9	Q. What's Mr. Hughes's what was Mr. Hughes'	9	A. I believe so.
10	position back in 2000?	10	Q. You say in your e-mail to Mr. Hughes,
11	A. Off memory I want to say he was assistant	11	"Bill, attached is a copy of the letter I created to
	vice president.	12	be sent under your name. I left a printed copy on
12	vice president.		be sent under your name. There a printed copy on
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2	A. I asked the question, if he wanted the	2	that ultimately evolved into that letter, right?
3	complete file.	3	MR. MEAGHER: Objection; asked and
4	Q. Do you know if he had reviewed the complete	4	answered.
5	file or any documents prior to this date regarding	5	A. I believe it is.
6	Mr. Kearney?	6	Q. How long prior to this e-mail was it that
7	A. I don't know what he may or may not have	7	Mr. Hughes had been invited by you to become involved
8	read at this point. It's a long time ago; I don't	8	in the claim?
9	know what he looked at or didn't.	9	A. I wouldn't have any idea of the timeline.
10	Q. Do you know if he ever read the claim file?	10	Q. Do you know if this, in fact, was Mr.
11	A. It's my understanding he has.	11	Hughes' first substantive involvement in the claim?
12	Q. How do you come to that understanding?	12	A. I don't have any recollection of that.
13	A. I believe he sent the letter to Mr. Kearney	13	Q. Would the claim file give an indication of
14	at one point stating that he had reviewed the claim	14	that?
15	file.	15	A. Not necessarily.
16	Q. He sent this letter to Mr. Kearney; he	16	Q. Because things happen on a claim that
17	reviewed the claim file?	17	aren't necessarily included in the claim file, right?
18	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.	18	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.
19	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) This letter evolved into	19	A. Things happen that are not necessarily
20	the October 2, 2000 letter, didn't it?	20	documented.
21	A. I don't know what the date I know there	21	Q. I mean, you could have been having strategy
22	was a letter in there that I had read to refresh my	22	meetings with Mr. Hughes for months and months and
23	memory where he had stated, you know, he reviewed the	23	months and the production of a claim file wouldn't
24	file.	24	necessarily reflect that, right?
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	O The October 2, 2000 letter assessed that		•
	Q. The October 2, 2000 letter suggests that	1	A. Yes, I do.
2	I understand that you at least started the drafting	2	Q. Was it the case that all letters drafted
3	of the letter, but Mr. Hughes signed it, and	3	from October 2000 through the time your company sued
4	according to the letter he signed he reviewed the	4	Mr. Kearney in 2002, were all those letters
5	claim fully and the policy as of October 2, 2000. Do	5	ghostwritten by you that contained Mr. Hughes'
6	you know if that's true or not?	6	purported signature?
7	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.	7 8	A. I don't specifically recall that, if all of them were.
8	You can answer.	9	Q. But that was an occurrence?
9	A. You know, I don't recall specifically what's stated in that letter. I'd have to look at	10	A. I know we did at least one; we just talked
10	it.	11	about it.
11 12		12	Q. Well, this one too, right?
	Q. Do you know if Mr. Hughes reviewed the	13	Actually, this one purports to have your
13	claim in its entirety and the policy at or about the	13	signature but you passed it by Mr. Hughes?
14 15	time of this September e-mail?	15	A. Yes.
15 16	A. It's my understanding that he has reviewed it, I just don't know when that occurred.	16	Q. Could you read the e-mail, what the e-mail
17	Q. Do you know how many iterations of this	17	says?
18	e-mail there were?	18	A. Yes. It says, "Alright. I took the
19	A. No, I do not.	19	letters of the two greatest minds in the office to
20	Q. Or this letter, excuse me?	20	create the version attached. Let me know when or if
21	A. No, I do not.	21	you want to discuss this again so I can explain my
22	Q. And the fact that it says January 18, 2000	22	thoughts on this. B."
23	on this letter, let's not be confused, that's simply	23	Q. The two greatest minds being yourself and
24	the day it was printed, right?	24	Mr. Hughes, the claims god?
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1	A. Correct.	1	A. It would be myself and Mr. Hughes.
2	MR. MEAGHER: I think it says 2007	2	Q. The claims god?
3	on mine.	3	A. I don't refer to him that was a joke
4	A. 2007.	4	obviously.
5	Q. 2007. You're also mindful that that	5	Q. That was a joke?
6	October 2, 2000 letter suggested that further	6	A. Yes.
7	payments to Mr. Kearney, if any, would be under	7	And I also want to add that that had, you
8	reservation of rights?	8	know, no reference to Mr. Kearney himself or his case
- 9	A. I'm not comfortable I'd have to look at	9	whatsoever.
10	it.	10	MR. ROBERTS: Move to strike the
11	Q. Had you put Mr. Kearney's payments on	11	self-serving statement from the record.
12	reservation of rights prior to October 2, 2000?	12	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) You got Mr. Hughes
13	A. I don't recall.	13	involved on a claim that had been pending for seven
14	Q. Do you recall the claim going on a	14	years and that's remained pending for seven years and
15	reservation of rights status?	15	at the time you got him involved you referred to him
16	A. As I sit here today, no, I do not.	16	as the claims god in that letter, true or false?
17	Q. You don't even recall that that happened?	17	A. Can you repeat the question, please?
18	A. It's been such a long time ago, I don't.	18	Q. At the time you got Mr. Hughes involved the
19	(Exhibit 2, marked)	19	claim had been in pay status for seven years, and
20	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Sir, I've handed you	20	it's remained in pay status for seven years. And at
21	another e-mail and presumably a copy of what was	21	the time you got him involved, you referred to him as
22	attached to the e-mail. This e-mail's dated November	22	"Claims God," true?
	1 of 2000, also again from you to Hughes, do you see	23	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.
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1	as a joke and it's never	1	A. I believe it was Janet Beattie.
2	Q. Is my question true? The claim was in pay	2	Q. Is she an employee of DMS or PDC?
3	status for seven years at the time, correct?	3	A. My understanding is she's an employee of
4	A. Yes.	4	PDC.
5	Q. It's remained in pay status for seven	5	Q. Okay. Who else?
6	years, correct?	6	A. That's all I can recall.
7	A. That's my understanding.	7	Q. Do you know when Ms. Beattie did her record
8	Q. And at the very time you got him involved,	8	review?
9	you referred to him as the claims god, right?	9	A. I believe that was in the last few months.
10	A. Again, I don't recall a specific time I	10	Q. Have you seen her conclusions?
11	made that reference. It was a joke, it was a	11	A. I saw the report. I don't recall it, I
12	one-time thing, it didn't happen again.	12	don't remember the content of that report.
13	Q. It wasn't a one-time thing; the next month	13	Q. Was the report put in the claim file?
14	you referred to him as "the greatest mind in the	14	A. Yes, it was.
15	office," right?	15	Q. Has there been any other investigation of
16	MR. MEAGHER: No, the document	16	Mr. Kearney since 2002 that you're aware of that's in
17	speaks for itself.	17	the claim file?
18	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Do you refer to him as	18	A. The case is continued. It's been evaluated
19	"the greatest mind in the office," or perhaps, second	19	since 2002.
20	to yours, the greatest mind in the office?	20	Q. But have you hired any investigators, any
21	A. I mentioned the two greatest minds. Again,	21	CPAs to review financial information, any doctor to
22	that	22	review records, any surveillance companies to conduct
23	Q. So either he's number one or he's number	23	surveillance, any Internet research companies to do
24	two?	24	investigations over the Internet; all those tools
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1	A. It was a reference as it was a joke.	1	that you use in your trade, has any of that been done
2	Q. Well, you didn't get someone subordinate to	2	since 2002?
3	you involved in Mr. Kearney's claim in October 2000,	3	A. I don't know if it's gone past 2002 or not.
4	right, you went to someone superior, correct?	4	I'm not saying it has, I just don't remember.
5	A. I believe that to be correct.	5	Q. Is there anything that's been done along
6	MR. ROBERTS: We'll switch tapes.	6	those lines that you're aware of that isn't contained
7	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off record	7	in the claim file since 2002?
8	at 2:11 p.m.	8	A. Can you repeat that question, please?
9	(A recess was taken.)	9	Q. Is there anything along those lines that's
10	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on	10	been conducted since 2002 that you're aware of that
11	record at 2:18 p.m.	11	isn't contained in the claim file?
12	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Sir, has there been any	12	A. Not to my knowledge.
13	surveillance of Mr. Kearney since 2002?	13	Q. Any of that type of activity that's been
14	A. I don't recall without being able to look	14	performed is in the claim file as far as you know?
15	at the file.	15	A. As far as I would know.
16	Q. I'm not able to look at the file either as	16	Q. It should be in the claim file?
17	we sit here. You're not mindful of any surveillance	17	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.
18	being ordered on Mr. Kearney since 2002?	18	A. Can you say the question again?
19	A. I know there's been surveillance, I just	19	Q. If those types of activities were
20	don't know if it's gone past 2002.	20	performed, it should be in the claim file?
21	Q. Do you know if there's been any medical	21	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.
22	record review since 2002?	22	A. I don't know that. I don't know if it
	A \$7	22	1 31 1 2 41
23 24	A. Yes. Q. By whom?	23 24	would be in there or not. Q. There are occasions when you investigate a

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Page 62 Page 64 policyholder who has a pending claim for benefits and 1 investigative report in the claim file; that happens? 2 2 you don't put the investigative report or analysis in MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form. 3 the claim file? 3 A. If I had an investigative report, I find 4 4 A. Well, my understanding is this is in myself putting a report in the file once I received 5 litigation, so I don't know if anything was created. 5 it from the company. 6 Q. You told me that your understanding of 6 Q. But you're not willing to say that with 7 litigation is that there's not a contention that 7 regard to Mr. Kearney, who's had a claim pending for 8 8 Mr. Kearney is not disabled, and your understanding four years without any dispute about him being 9 is in fact accurate. So, my question, sir, is you 9 disabled, you're not willing to say with regard to 10 10 know that he has a continuing claim for disability Mr. Kearney that an investigation performed on him 11 that's been administered by, at least in part, you 11 during that period would absolutely be in the claim 12 for four years, the last four years, right? 12 file; it's possible that there could have been an 13 13 MR. MEAGHER: I'm going to object to investigation that didn't end up in the claim file? 14 the form. Move to strike the speech. 14 MR. MEAGHER: Objection; asked and 15 Q. (By Mr. Roberts) And during that period of 15 answered. 16 time you also understand that there's not been a 16 A. Well, the first part of your question, I think there has been some dispute over his 17 claim by your company or Jefferson-Pilot in a lawsuit 17 18 anywhere that Mr. Kearney is not disabled, correct? 18 disability. You know --19 MR. MEAGHER: Objection; asked and 19 Q. You just told me under oath that there 20 20 answered. isn't. 21 21 A. Can you repeat that question, please. MR. MEAGHER: Excuse me, don't 22 22 Q. During this last four years you've had some interrupt. Did you finish your answer, sir? 23 involvement with the Kearney claim, right? 23 THE WITNESS: No, I did not. 24 24 MR. MEAGHER: Please finish your A. Yes. Page 63 Page 65 Q. And during that last four years it's been 1 answer before he starts another one. 2 your understanding that the company has not contested 2 Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Strike my question. 3 3 whether or not Mr. Kearney is totally disabled in a Don't answer that question. 4 lawsuit, right? 4 MR. MEAGHER: Okay. 5 5 MR. MEAGHER: Asked and answered. Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Didn't you just tell me 6 A. Yes. 6 under oath that it's your belief that there's not 7 7 been a contest about whether or not Mr. Kearney's Q. If during that period there was some type 8 8 of investigation of the type you perform, asking Barb disabled? 9 Bailey to do some investigation over the Internet, 9 A. That was my understanding through the 10 10 asking some doctor on staff or some independent litigation proceedings. But as far as an ongoing 11 contractor to come in to review records, hiring an 11 pending claim month to month, there's questions. We 12 IME, conducting surveillance, if any of that type of 12 understand he's got a medical condition, but we're 13 activity was performed on Mr. Kearney, since there 13 trying to evaluate his disability and eligibility for 14 isn't a lawsuit relating to his disability that 14 benefits under the policy. 15 should go in the claim file, shouldn't it? 15 Q. So you're still paying him under 16 MR. MEAGHER: Objection; calls for a 16 reservation of rights; you might sue him and ask for 17 the money you already paid him in 2002, '03, '04, '05 17 legal conclusion. 18 A. I was going to say, that seems like a legal 18 and '06 because you might contend in the future he's 19 19 interpretation of whether that stuff would go in not disabled? 20 20 MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form. there or not. I don't know. 21 Q. It's your contention that when a 21 A. I don't know if it's being paid under 22 policyholder has a claim pending and there's no 22 reservation of rights at this point. 23 lawsuit regarding their disability, your company may 23 Q. Okay. Sir, are you just speculating or are 24 investigate the policyholder and not put that you telling me factual information right now?

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1	MR. MEAGHER: You just asked him	1	in the past, the company is not committed that he is
2	what he's going to do in the future.	2	totally disabled and they may come back and sue him
3	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Are you speculating or	3	to repay those benefits, too, right?
4	are you just telling me factual information now,	4	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.
5	what's the case?	5	A. I know there's been questions of what his
6	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.	6	benefit eligibility has been in the past and I don't
7	A. I'm answering your questions to the best of	7	know if it would be the company's action to go and
8	my ability.	8	request that he pay back benefits that he's already
9	Q. As we sit here today are you telling me	9	been paid if it was later determined he wasn't
10	that there's a question historically about whether	10	eligible for them, I don't know that, that's the
11	Mr. Kearney's disabled or not?	11	future.
12	MR. MEAGHER: Objection; asked and	12	Q. So sitting here under oath you can't tell
13	answered several times.	13	my client who's sitting two feet from you,
14	A. Yes.	14	"Mr. Kearney, Jefferson-Pilot paid you benefits for
15	Q. Okay. So the company has never conceded	15	seven years, on behalf of Jefferson-Pilot we paid
16	that he is disabled even though he's been paid	16	benefits to you for an additional seven years, and
17	benefits for 14 years, is that your testimony?	17	you can rest assured that we're not going to write
18	A. I don't know over the periods of time. I	18	you a letter in the future saying, "In 2005 you
19	know from the periods we've handled the case there's	19	weren't disabled. Pay us the money back"?
20	been questions of his eligibility for the benefits.	20	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.
21	Q. As Mr. Kearney sits here today are you able	21	A. I can't predict how a claim's going to be
22	to tell him, look at him and tell him, "Mr. Kearney,	22	handled in the future. It's all going to be based on
23	we've never considered you disabled. We may come	23	what information comes
24	back to you and ask for all the money back"? Is that	24	Q. Can you look at my client in the eye right
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. 1	the case?	1	now and tell him that the money he's received because
2	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.	2	he's residually or totally disabled is something that
3	A. He's been considered disabled for a period	3	he can feel confident is his forever?
4	of time, but as the claim's gone on there's been	4	MR. MEAGHER: I object and instruct
5	questions that have been raised concerning his	5	you not to respond to Counsel's direction to
6	ongoing eligibility for the benefits.	6	address anything to anyone. You answer
7	Q. So what period is in doubt right now about	7	anastians
8	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	i	questions.
Λ	his ongoing disability?	8	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) I didn't ask you to look
9	A. Again, I don't know what time frame that	9	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) I didn't ask you to look at him. I said could you?
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1	answered.	1	Q. You're going to rely on what you told me
2	A. I've talked about that earlier, that we	2	before?
3	don't have	3	A. Correct.
4	Q. Okay.	4	MR. ROBERTS: Well, Chris, be aware
5	MR. MEAGHER: Did you finish your	5	they're going to come after
6	THE WITNESS: No.	6	MR. MEAGHER: I can hear your
7	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) Go ahead.	7	attorney/client conversation, Counsel, so be
8	A. That we don't have all the information to	8	cautious about that.
9	be able to make that decision for past periods of	9	MR. ROBERTS: You have good hearing.
10	time.	10	MR. MEAGHER: You're saying it
11	Q. Okay. So the jury is still out on whether	11	pretty loudly, actually.
12	or not Mr. Kearney needs to pay back the 168 months	12	Q. (By Mr. Roberts) When was the last IME you
13	of benefits, right?	13	had performed to assure yourself that Mr. Kearney is
14	A. Yes. However, that's because we haven't	14	disabled, you're not paying him in error?
15	gotten all the information, of which, if we got that	15	A. I know there's one IME in the file from a
16	information it could support his benefit eligibility.	16	few years back.
17	Q. Okay. And that information again is this	17	Q. 2001, right?
18	information about his accounts back in '94?	18	A. I don't remember what time frame that was.
19	MR. MEAGHER: Objection; asked and	19	Q. Is it normal course for DMS to be paying
20	answered.	20	benefits to someone they don't think is disabled?
21	A. Again, I don't know specifically	21	A. I don't think we have the answer to that
22	Q. I'll stick with that objection, because	22	question yet.
23	you've already answered that question. You've told	23	Q. Is it the normal course for DMS to believe
24	me the entirety of the information that the company	24	someone's not medically disabled and not have an IME
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1	needs to be confident that 168 months of benefits are	1	performed for six years?
2	something that Mr. Kearney can feel confident is his,	2	A. Can you repeat the question, please?
3	right? You've already answered that question your	3	Q. Strike the question.
4	counselor says.	4	Have you ever heard the phrase "managing
5	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.	5	expectations"?
6	A. Can you repeat the question then?	6	A. I've heard it.
7	Q. Your counselor just said, and he has	7	Q. Have you ever heard it from Mr. Bonsall?
8	ethical duties, he just said you've given me the	8	A. I don't recall specifically where I've
9	entire list of all the information that the company	9	heard it from.
10	needs to finally assure itself that 14 years of	10 11	Q. You've never heard who is Mr. Bonsall?A. He's the president of the company, DMS.
11 12	benefits are not something that they're going to sue Mr. Kearney to repay?	12	Q. And your testimony under oath is you've
13	A. I believe I talked	13	never heard him use the phrase "manage expectations"?
14	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.	13	MR. MEAGHER: Objection; asked and
15	You can answer.	15	answered. All his testimony's under oath, by
16	A. I believe I talked about certain items that	16	the way, Counsel.
17	I could recall but	17	A. I don't recall if he said that specifically
18	Q. He said you gave me all of them.	18	directly to me or not, at a meeting or anything like
19	A. But I would have to it would be	19	that.
20	documented in the file what we've asked for.	20	Q. He's been known to say that that's kind of
21	Q. What are those items again?	21	the focus of the company, managing expectations; are
22	MR. MEAGHER: Objection; asked and	22	you aware of that?
23	answered.	23	MR. MEAGHER: Object to form.
24	A. We can read the testimony back.	24	A. I don't recall.

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1	Q. You had phone conversations with Attorney	1	A. Sounds fair.
2	Spiegel before you went to Miami to meet with him,	2	MR. ROBERTS: Counsel, am I going to
3	right?	3	be able to get a copy of the claims file from
4	A. I don't know if I specifically had a phone	4	2002 through 2007 before I leave Springfield?
5	conversation with him.	5	MR. MEAGHER: I'm not responding to
6	Q. Okay. If he comes to court and testifies	6	discovery requests here. So, I'd like to see
7	that you had phone conversations, would that be	7	the request and I'd have to respond to it;
8	false?	8	usually you get 30 days for requests for
9	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.	9	production. If you're asking me to do
10	A. When you say "you" are you meaning me only?	10	something while I'm prepping a witness for
11	Q. Bob Mills had a phone conversation with	11	tomorrow's depo, the answer's no.
12	Attorney Spiegel. Attorney Spiegel comes into court	12	MR. ROBERTS: For the record, this
13	and says "I spoke to Bob Mills in August of 2001 and	13	request has been outstanding since 2003. I've
14	here's what he said." Would he be lying about phone	14	asked Mr. Meagher to, while I'm here, prepare
15	conversations he had with you?	15	a copy for me, and his representation is he
16	MR. MEAGHER: Objection to form.	16	will make no effort to accommodate that.
17	A. I've spoken with Attorney Spiegel in the	17	Thank you, Counsel.
18	past on other cases	18	MR. MEAGHER: Well
19	Q. Over the phone?	19	MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, once again,
20	A so, you know, I don't know when I had	20	for your cooperation, sir.
21	spoke with him last, when that would be.	21	MR. MEAGHER: let me also respond
22	Q. You don't know whether you spoke to him	22	that if he hasn't received documents that have
23	over the phone about Mr. Kearney in August 2001 or	23	been owed to him since 2003, he certainly has
24	not?	24	been remiss in not moving that along through
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1	A. I don't remember that conversation, if it	1	the proper procedures under the rules rather
2	occurred.	2	than waiting for the eleventh hour with his
3	Q. What does reservation of rights mean?	3	client sitting here knowing that his attorney
4	A. Reservation of rights is when we've made	4	has waited that long to do his job. So I'm
5	payments to insureds when there's been questions	5	not ready to respond and work all night to do
6	about the liability in the case, and as we continue	6	something that you could have done the past
7	to evaluate and get information we extend the	7	four years, apparently.
8	payments to the insured.	8	MR KEARNEY: My
9	Q. Have you paid Mr. Kearney under reservation	9	MR. ROBERTS: You don't say a word.
10	of rights over the last five years?	10	The effort that John Meagher would
11	A. I don't know what that status is.	11	make to make a copy of what's probably a
12	Q. How long were your two-day meetings with	12	hundred pages of material, is probably five
13	your five-member lawyer team? How many hours?	13	minutes, so the representation that he might
14	A. I met with John and Adam yesterday all day,	14	be up all night to do it, he knows to be not
15	and this morning.	15	genuine. But, you know what? That's just
16	Q. And Bill Ellis yesterday, right?	16	what I'm dealing with in this case.
17	A. I spoke with him on the phone.	17 18	Sir, we're concluded. Thank you.
18 19	Q. So a full business day plus this morning? A. Yes.	19	MR. MEAGHER: I have some questions.
20		20	EXAMINATION BY MR. MEAGHER:
21	Q. So in excess of ten hours? A. I didn't keep track of the time.	20	Q. Mr. Mills, how long was Bill Ellis involved
22	Q. Well, a full business day yesterday plus	22	in your preparation for this deposition all told?
23	time this morning, that would be in excess of ten	23	A. Ten, maybe fifteen minutes.
24		24	Q. How about Andy Cohen, how long was he
L 24	hours.	<u>, 44</u>	Q. HOW ADOUG AMBY COREH, HOW TORIS WAS HE

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1	involved?	I ERRATA SHEET
2	A. Approximately a half an hour.	2
3	MR. MEAGHER: That's all I have.	3 To be signed by deponent and returned to counsel.
4	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This concludes	4
5	the deposition at 2:37 p.m.	I, the undersigned, ROBERT MILLS, do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing transcript of
6	(Witness excused)	my testimony given in the matter of JEFFERSON-PILOT
7	(Deposition concluded)	6 v. KEARNEY v. DMS, and to the best of my knowledge,
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6	REPORTING, 1500 Main Street, Springfield,	
7	Massachusetts, the following named person, to wit: ROBERT MILLS, who was by me duly sworn to testify to	
8	the truth and nothing but the truth as to his knowledge touching and concerning the matters in	
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10	record of the testimony given by the witness, to the	
11	best of my knowledge and ability.	
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